

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-03000-TSC**

INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH v. UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/19/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/19/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT FILED BY PLAINTIFF IER against DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY DEFENDANT ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5847513) filed by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Summons TREASURY, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons US Atty General, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons USA DC, # <u>5</u> Declaration PL LCvR 26.1 Declaration, # <u>6</u> Notice and Consent PL Consent to Magistrate)(Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/19/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH (zsb) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsb) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
01/04/2019	<u>4</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE to US ATTORNEY FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA filed by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH.(Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/09/2019	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney (jf) Modified text on 1/9/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 01/09/2019)

01/14/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 1/07/19. (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/14/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY served on 1/7/2019 (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/15/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/14/2019. (Horner, Christopher) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
02/12/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/12/2019)
02/12/2019	<u>10</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/12/2019)
02/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Deadlines. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by 2/28/19. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 2/13/19. (DJS) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 2/28/2019. (tb) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/28/2019	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.(Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
02/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 4/1/19. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 2/28/19. (DJS) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/1/2019. (tb) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
04/01/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by May 23, 2019. The parties are reminded that the joint report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 4/4/19. (DJS) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
04/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/23/2019. (tb) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
05/01/2019	<u>13</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) Modified on 5/7/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 05/01/2019)
05/07/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>13</u> Status Report; emailed to christopher.hair@usdoj.gov, cc'd 1 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Invalid attorney signature, 2. Please refile document, 3. Electronic signature information missing. (ztd, ) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/07/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>13</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by July 1, 2019, and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the parties propose a production or briefing schedule, the

		report shall also contain a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/13/19. (DJS) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
05/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/1/2019. (tb) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/01/2019)